



## LEO M. FRANK TELLS STORY

Counsel for Convicted Murderer Makes Public Affidavit Regarding Girl's Death.

### THEORY IS ATTACKED

Extraordinary Motion for New Trial to Be Filed—Execution Set for April.

Atlanta, Ga., March 13.—An affidavit, further attacking the theory of the state as to the time and place Mary Phagan was killed, was made public here today by counsel for Leo M. Frank of Brooklyn, N. Y., under death sentence for the factory girl's murder.

Mrs. J. B. Simmons, the affiant, alleges that she heard a woman scream in the National Pencil factory, between 2 and 3 o'clock, on the afternoon of April 26, 1913—two hours later than the time the state contends, the murder occurred. The affidavit further declares that the scream came from the factory basement, not from the third floor of the building, where the state charged the girl was killed.

Mrs. Simmons further alleges that she reported the incident to local authorities on May 5, more than two weeks before the indictment of Frank, but that she was not subpoenaed to appear either before the grand jury or at the trial.

James Conley, negro sweeper and principal state witness, testified that between 12:30 and 1 o'clock he helped Frank take the girl's body to the factory basement and secret it there. The affidavit of Mrs. Simmons, it is expected, will be included in the extraordinary motion for a new trial, soon to be filed by the Frank attorneys. The prisoner's execution is set for April 17.

## ENDS DECEPTION BY POISON ROUTE

Former Cook Closes Strange Career by Swallowing Deadly Potion.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 13.—Dividing her time between cooking at a fashionable apartment house, giving luncheons at a leading hotel on her afternoons off, and trying to buy a music school, a woman who asserted she was Mme. Arriola, wife of a noted San Francisco musician, ended several weeks of deception here by committing suicide.

Instead of being Mme. Arriola herself, she was a former cook, Lillian May Blechele, and that she came from a wealthy Pittsburgh family. She swallowed poison last night while at a private party and died at a hospital.

On taking a position as cook here it is said she represented herself to outsiders as a chaperone for a party of young women.

The police say the San Francisco woman who recognized the masquerader as the former Arriola servant told them of a similar adventure in San Francisco. According to this story, the dead woman posed as Mme. Arriola when her mistress was out of the city and in company with other servants gave a dinner at one of the leading hotels there.

## JUDGE ASKED TO ANNUL MARRIAGE

Wife of John C. Breckenridge, Is Granted Freedom and Custody of Child.

San Francisco, Cal., March 13.—Waiting nine years for her husband to demonstrate some sign of a returning reason, Mrs. Adelaide Murphy Breckenridge, wife of John C. Breckenridge, hopelessly insane in a Paris sanatorium, obtained annulment of her marriage at Salinas, Cal., last Monday. News of her action was learned here today.

Accompanied by her attorney, Mrs. Breckenridge went into court and laid before Judge Bradley Sargent affidavits from French alienists showing that her husband's mind was wrecked beyond hope of recovery. She was awarded the custody of their nine-year-old son, who is the fourth to bear the name of the famous Kentuckian.

The runaway marriage of the couple created a sensation in San Francisco society ten years ago. Mrs. Breckenridge was the daughter of Samuel G. Murphy, a millionaire banker of this city, and her husband, the son of Mrs. Frederick Sharon by a former marriage. His eccentricity is said to have developed during the

honeymoon, and a trip around the world failed to restore his health. In Paris he was seized with an attack of vertigo and fell from the second story of a hotel. He has been an inmate of a hospital ever since.

**TWO BABIES WITH ONE BRAIN**  
Chicago, March 13.—Two girl babies with a single brain were born here today. The case is said to be without precedent in the hospital records of this city. The tops of the heads of the infants, both of whom were dead, were united. They were the children of Lithuanian parents.

## DYNAMITERS TO BE REMAINED TO JAIL

Indianapolis, Ind., March 13.—The certified copy of the judgment of the United States supreme court, in the dynamite cases, decided last Monday, was received by United States District Attorney Frank C. Dailey here today. Mr. Dailey immediately forwarded it to the court of appeals at Chicago for the court's action.

It is the understanding here that the court of appeals will remand the convicted men to Fort Leavenworth penitentiary.

## STOLEN JEWELS FOUND ABROAD

Detectives Fix Robberies on Band of International Thieves—Including Woman.

New York, March 13.—About \$65,000 of the \$250,000 jewelry stolen from Mrs. John Hannan at Narragansett Pier last July has been found in Amsterdam and Paris, according to an announcement published today. Private detectives here and abroad now fix the robberies on a band of international thieves including a woman whose appearance enabled her to mingle in society and locate collections of jewelry.

The same band probably had a hand in the \$75,000 robbery of Mrs. Charles C. Rumsey (Miss Mary Harriman) in Newport, and in other notable thefts.

## U. S. EXPRESS TO WIND UP AFFAIRS

Directors Meet in New York to Decide Future of Company.

New York, March 13.—The directors of the United States Express company met here today to make official decision as to the future of the company. It was expected that the meeting would complete the plans already made for winding up the company's affairs.

The liquidating committee as agreed on early in the day, consisted of Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance company and a representative and adviser of the Harriman interests; William A. Reed, W. Averill Harriman, Eugene Delano and Haley Fisk.

The late E. E. Harriman bought more than 22,000 shares of the United States Express company stock from the Adams and American Express companies, and his estate holds about half of the total issue of 100,000 shares.

## FORTY-THREE SHIPS WRECKED

Terrific Hurricane Sweeps Coast of Morocco—Many Vessels Put to Sea.

Melilla, Morocco, March 13.—Forty-three ships wrecked today on the shores in the vicinity of this port, having been driven on the rocks and shoals by a terrific hurricane, which started yesterday. The wrecked vessels include five steamers and 38 sailing craft.

The storm increased in violence today and a number of large vessels put to sea to avoid being smashed against the jetties.

## ROOSEVELT PARTY REACH FRONTIER

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 13.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and the other members of his expedition have arrived at Barao de Melgaco on the frontier between the states of Mato Grosso and Amazonas. This is the terminal point of the second stage of their journey.

The next stage of the expedition takes them towards the rivers Comemoracao Floriano and Gyparans, their destination being Manaus, capital of the state of Amazonas, lying on the Rio Negro, ten miles from its junction with the Amazon.

## TWO STORES ARE TO BE CLOSED

Stock and Fixtures to Be Sold to Satisfy Creditors of Siegel.

2100 CLERKS MADE IDLE

Total Value of Merchandise in Two Establishments Estimated at \$2,000,000.

New York, March 13.—On the eve of the closing of the two great New York department stores once controlled by Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, both under indictment, charges were laid before District Attorney Whitman today that the sick benefit fund of the stores' employees has hopelessly involved with the deposits in the Siegel private bank, now defunct. More than 2000 employees, who will lose their jobs tomorrow when the stores are closed by order of the federal court, heard that they were likely to suffer this loss in addition to their savings, which more than half of them had deposited in the Siegel bank.

The latest turn in the big department store scandal was discussed today by the district attorney and Robert McMeekin, secretary of the Siegel stores corporation, and by an examiner from the state banking department. It was said that thus far the district attorney had been unable to learn the whereabouts of the sick benefit fund or get an inkling of its size. The fund was accumulated by weekly assessments of two per cent on the salaries of the employees.

New York, March 13.—The Fourteenth street store and the Simpson Crawford company store, the management of which has resulted in the indictment of Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, charging violation of the state banking laws and grand larceny are to be closed tomorrow night by order of Judge Hough of the federal court.

After an inventory has been taken the stock and fixtures of the two stores and the equipment of the Merchants Express company are to be sold on March 24 for the benefit of creditors.

With the closing of the two stores about 2100 clerks and other employees will be thrown out to work, many of whom are said to have deposited their savings in the Siegel bank. These employees were considered by the court before the closing order was signed. Judge Hough was assured by William A. Marble, counsel for the store managers under the receivers, that clerks were in demand and that practically all of the 2100 persons would not be long without work. An inventory will be ready for prospective buyers on Monday next. It is estimated that the total value of the stock in the two stores is about \$2,000,000.

## FOUR PROMINENT MEN INDICTED

Ohioans Charged With Violating Civil Service Law—Bonds Aggregate \$2,000,000.

Columbus, O., March 13.—Six indictments, containing an aggregate of seventeen counts, were returned in the common pleas court today against four prominent men, Emory W. Lat-tanner, state superintendent of banks; W. L. Finley, chairman of the Democratic state committee; A. V. Abernethy, secretary of the state tax commission; and M. A. Goler, chief clerk to the superintendent of banks. It is charged that the men contributed or caused state employees, in violation of the civil service law, to contribute to a fund for the maintenance of the Democratic press bureau, which was operated under the direction of Chalmers Finley and of which Abernethy was the literary head.

All were released on bonds aggregating more than \$2,000,000, the sureties being Columbus financiers and business men.

## ARABS AND ITALIANS IN FIERCE BATTLE

Bengasi, Tripoli, March 13.—Severe fighting, in which the Italian troops killed 268 Arabs, took place on Wednesday in the neighborhood of the Oasis of Suetina, according to dispatches brought here today by couriers from the interior.

An Italian column, composed chiefly of native levies, was attacked on the march by 2000 Arabs and a sharp battle ensued.

The Italians lost two officers and 42 native soldiers killed and a number of officers and 100 native soldiers wounded.

**CHAPMAN LEAVES FOR HOME.**

Athens, Ga., March 13.—Ray Chapman, shortstop of the Cleveland Americans, who sustained a slight fracture of his right leg, at the club's training camp here Wednesday, left today for Cleveland. Chapman is not expected to be able to play for several weeks.

## BAY STATE GOVERNOR JUST HATES MONEY



David Walsh, the new governor of Massachusetts, has just won distinction by refusing an increase in salary. The salary of the governor has been \$8,000, but the legislature recently voted to increase it to \$12,000. Governor Walsh has just sent a special message to that body declining the increase because he feels that he was elected to get the former salary and that his election was a contract with the people to serve for that remuneration. He is of the opinion, however, that the present salary is inadequate.

## GLYNN SUBMITS SPECIAL MESSAGE

Recommends Establishment of State Food and Market Commission for New York.

Albany, March 13.—The establishment of a state food and market commission was recommended by Governor Glynn today in a special message to the legislature.

The governor's idea is that the commission should be authorized to assist and encourage the establishment of local markets under the control of co-operative associations of producers or consumers, and to help them in the establishment of grades and standards of farm food products. The proposed system was worked out on the model of a system which has proved successful in France. The plan is designed to correct inequalities in the division of profits between the producer and intermediary seller.

The scheme includes both local co-operative markets and general auction markets, where farm products may be sold by licensed auctioneers.

## ENGAGEMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED

Marriage of President's Youngest Daughter to Take Place in June.

Washington, March 13.—Formal announcement of the engagement of Secretary McAdoo and Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, youngest daughter of the president and Mrs. Wilson, was expected to be made today at the White House.

Persons in a position to know said confirmation of reports of the engagement had been decided on by the Wilson family, although it had not been intended to make the announcement at such an early date. The publication, however, in many newspapers today of the prospective marriage influenced the decision at the White House.

Rumors were current that after the marriage of Mr. McAdoo and Miss Wilson, which is expected to take place in June, the secretary would resign from the cabinet and be appointed ambassador to France, but White House officials said such reports were without foundation.

Later today those best informed declared it had been decided at the White House not to issue the formal announcement today but to do so in the near future.

## CHINESE BASEBALL TEAM DEFEATED

Berkeley, Cal., March 13.—In its first game since arrival from Honolulu, the Chinese baseball team of the University of Hawaii was defeated yesterday by the University of California, score 4 to 3.

**MURRAY BILL FAVORED.**

Albany, N. Y., March 13.—The Murray bill, which would abolish the state athletic commission and forbid professional boxing exhibitions in the state was reported favorably by the assembly judiciary committee today.

## CORONERS BEGIN FIRE INQUIRY

Woman Who Gave Alarm at Missouri Athletic Club Called as Witness.

14 BODIES IDENTIFIED

Six Others Lie at St. Louis Morgue Burned Almost Beyond Recognition.

St. Louis, Mo., March 13.—The coroner's inquiry into the Missouri Athletic club fire in which thirty or more lives were lost last Monday was begun here today. Miss Adelaide Mason, a dancer, has been summoned as the first witness to tell how she discovered the fire while waiting in the club lobby for a taxicab at 2 a. m., the morning of the fire. The municipal assembly's separate inquiry also continued.

Fourteen bodies identified. Fifteen of the twenty bodies which had been dug out of the ruins were identified. The revised list of identified dead follows:

Kinsler, William J., treasurer of Kinser Construction company, East St. Louis, Ill.

Williams, E. P., banker, New York.

Bier, Marshall, fur dealer, St. Louis.

Erd, William E., real estate dealer, East St. Louis.

Kesler, Edwin C., cashier Ludlow-Saylor Wire company, St. Louis.

Reilly, James B., railroad contractor.

Rickey, John M., St. Paul, Minn., treasurer Ford Manufacturing company.

Thuma, Michael, clothing firm manager, Chicago.

Ruff, Lucius P., department manager Simmons Hardware company, St. Louis.

Wright, Thomas G., auditor William J. Lemp Brewing company, St. Louis.

Shyne, Thomas B., salesman Underwood Typewriter company, St. Louis.

Borders, William R., president Bank of Sparta, Sparta, Ill.

Albright Frank W., salesman Rice Six Dry Goods company, St. Louis.

Goehner, George, president Holstein Commission company.

Other bodies lie at the morgue burned almost beyond recognition.

Three more bodies were found later this morning, bringing the total number recovered to twenty-four. Six bodies still are believed to be in the ruins.

One of the bodies recovered today was identified as that of Allan Dow, buyer for the B. Nugent and Brothers Dry Goods company, St. Louis.

The last body taken out was identified as that of John J. Ratz, president of the Ryfel-Ratz Plumbing company of St. Louis. The number of bodies identified is now 16.

## PORTLAND WILL OUST I. W. W.

Policy Plan to Close Gypsy Smith Tabernacle Where 1500 Are Housed.

Portland, Ore., March 13.—Because of the alleged pernicious activity of Industrial Workers of the World agitators, Portland police planned today to rout out the occupants of and close the Gypsy Smith tabernacle. At present 1500 idle men are lodged there.

The decision of the police resulted from the failure of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company to engage section hands from among the idle throng. One hundred, after much persuasion last night, signed to go to work, but only eleven reported this morning.

After the men signed last night it is said, agitators stood on soap boxes and harangued the crowd against working, saying the railroad was unfair.

The idle men have been allowed to live all winter in the tabernacle on the ground that they could not obtain employment. At present there is a demand for labor.

## ENGLISH WOMEN MISSIONARIES SAFE

London, March 13.—The safety of the two Misses Black of the British China inland mission, who were reported missing after the burning and looting by brigands of the town of Lao Hoku, Hu Peh, was confirmed in an official dispatch from Peking to the foreign office today.

The two women escaped and arrived at Han Kiang, further down the river Han Kiang.

**IMPORTATION OF  
OPIUM REGULATED**

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Regulations to carry into effect the recent act of congress prohibiting the importation of opium went forward from the treasury department today to collectors of customs. The regu-

lations supersede those of March 27, 1909.

The law prohibits, except under certain restrictions, the exportation of opium and opium and their preparations, but regulates governing their exportation have not yet been formulated. Pending the promulgation of these regulations, collectors are warned not to permit the exportation of these two drugs without express authority in each case.

The act prohibits the importation for other than medical purposes of opium and its preparations and the regulations interpret the term "opium," to cover all forms of that drug known to the trade.

## BOXERS ASK FOR WISCONSIN RULES

Madison, Wis., March 13.—Boxing enthusiasts in Vancouver, B. C., want to know how Wisconsin manages boxing shows. A letter came today from the Vancouver Horse Show association saying they desire to put on high class boxing exhibitions and they want to follow the rules used in Wisconsin.

A copy of the rules will be forwarded.

## AMERICAN ARMS ARE HELD UP

Mexican Authorities at Vera Cruz Detain Shipment to American Charge.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, March 13.—It became known here today that a shipment of arms sent to the American embassy in the federal capital twelve days ago has not yet been placed in possession of Nelson Schuchman, American charge d'affaires. It is believed to have been held by the federal authorities pending further negotiations.

It is rumored here that the authorities contend there has been some misunderstanding regarding permission for the shipment.

The American authorities here appointed dispatch to regard the matter as possibly without great importance.

## CAPTAIN MUST GO TO PRISON

Owner of Yacht Must Serve Time in Federal Prison for Arson.

Boston, March 13.—Captain John A. Fish of New York today was sentenced to five years in the federal prison at Atlanta for burning his yacht, Senta in Edgartown harbor, on October 21, 1910, in order to obtain \$15,000 insurance money.

An appeal on a writ of error was taken and this acted as a stay, but in default of security Fish was sent to jail.

In moving sentence United States District Attorney French stated that Fish when 21 years old deserted from the United States army. At the time he was an orderly at West-point. Friends of the prisoner from New York asked the court to be lenient and told of acts of bravery while in the British army in South Africa, which earned him service medals.

Judge Hale said that the maximum penalty for larceny was imprisonment for life, but that in view of the fact that Fish had saved the lives of those on board the burning yacht, he would sentence him to five years only.

## TODAY IN CONGRESS

Washington, D. C., March 13.—The day in congress:

Senate.

Met at noon.

James Brown Scott of the Carnegie peace endowment testified before the lobby committee.

Senator Owen introduced a separate bill to repeal the Panama tolls exemption.

Voted \$300,000 for a municipal hospital here to be named after Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire.

Opposition to the Hughes bill to restrict the sale of convict-made goods developed at an interstate commerce committee hearing.

House.

Met at noon.

Debate on agricultural appropriation bill continued.

Merchant marine committee concluded hearings on La Follette seamen's bill.

Foreign affairs committee again considered bill to enforce Canadian boundary fisheries treaty.

Interstate and judiciary committee heard arguments in favor of manufacturers and wholesalers fixing retail prices.

Falcon Joslyn, president of a railroad at Fairbanks, Alaska, told territorial committee the Alaskan railroad tax law was virtually confiscatory.

Lieutenant Governor Ingalls of Kansas testified on rural credits before a subcommittee.

Naval committee reported a bill to restore the grade of admiral and vice admiral with increases of pay.

## THIEVES KILL AN ENGINEER

Surprised Stealing Goods From Freight Car They Cut Loose With Guns.

THREE MEN WOUNDED

Posse of 200 Scour Country—Two Bandits Captured by Pursuers.

Peoria, Ill., March 13.—Freight car thieves early today killed one man and wounded three others when surprised stealing goods from a car near Manlius, Ill., 45 miles north of here. Two of the thieves were captured by a posse. The posse was still searching for two more members of the band when word of the shooting reached here.

The victims of the thieves were Arthur Fisher, a Chicago & North Western railroad freight engineer, who was killed; Bert Skoglund, a deputy sheriff of Bureau county, fatally wounded; Leslie Beyer, son of the sheriff, wounded in the leg, and the fireman of the freight train, also shot in the leg.

Trainmen Surprised Gang. The attempted theft and shooting occurred about 4 o'clock this morning. The conductor and brakeman of the freight train surprised the gang while they were pitching merchandise out of a car near Manlius. The train was stopped and the thieves jumped from the freight cars. They ordered the conductor and brakeman back into the caboose and demanded that Engineer Fisher detach the engine from the train and proceed down the track. He hesitated in meeting the request and was shot through the head. He died instantly. The fireman was shot through the leg.

The station agent at Manlius telegraphed Princeton in Bureau county and Langley, a small station near Manlius for help. In an hour a posse of nearly 200 men was scouring the surrounding woods for the holdup men. Near Sheffield, Ill., the posse overtook the thieves.

Deputy Sheriff Fatally Wounded. The latter opened fire and Bert Skoglund, deputy sheriff of Bureau county, was shot through the face, shoulder and throat. He is believed to be fatally hurt. Leslie Beyer, son of the sheriff of Bureau county, was shot in the leg. The wound is not serious.

The two bandits who were captured had been shot by their pursuers, but not seriously wounded.

One of the thieves was found to be seriously hurt. He had been shot in the abdomen. He was removed to a hospital at Springfield Valley, Ill.

Bloodhounds were taken to the scene in an attempt to trace the fourth bandit, the third having been taken at Kewanee.

Keewanee, Ill., March 13.—A third member of the band of freight thieves who killed Engineer Fisher at Manlius was captured east of here today. The officers were close on the trail of the fourth man.

Chicago, March 13.—The slain engineer was Arthur Fisher of Escanaba, Mich., according to the records of the Chicago & North Western railroad here. He had been with the road about ten years.

The report to the general superintendent's office was that Conductor Collins and a brakeman came to a car on a siding that had been opened and a box thrown out. The two pitched the box back and then found four men hiding in the next car.

The quartet jumped out on the opposite side and ran for the engine where they ordered Fisher at the points of their pistols to detach the locomotive.

Fisher demurred, explaining that another train was due and there would be a head-on collision. Then Fisher was shot.

## SMALL BANKS ENTER RESERVE

Commission Recommends Action for Benefit Farmers—Credit Unions Favored.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—To benefit farmers, the rural credit committee today recommended to congress that banks with a capitalization as low as \$2000 be allowed to become member banks of the new federal reserve system. The commission contends that the present limit of \$2500 prevents the benefits of the system being extended to a large degree to the farmers.

The commission recommended that the states authorize the creation of credit unions and crop credit associations. These recommendations were submitted in a report on short term credits as distinguished from long time or agricultural land credits.

**FRENCH CRUISER ARRIVES**

Washington, March 13.—Commander Taylor on the cruiser Buffalo at Guaymas, reported to the Navy department today the arrival of the French cruiser Montcalm, commanded by Rear Admiral Huget. The Montcalm will cross over next Wednesday to Santa Rosalia on the coast of lower California, where there is a considerable French colony.